

✓ AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION ✓

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 14, line 2, of the specification with the following amended paragraph:

FIGS. 7 through 10 describe methods that can be performed on web-based system 2, according to some embodiments of the present invention. Skilled artisans will recognize that the methods described with reference to FIGS. 7-10 can be implemented using a variety of software technologies/architectures. For example, the methods described with reference to FIGS. 7-10 can be implemented using a distributed object architecture based on Java™ and Jini™ technologies, and in particular, using Java™ RMI technologies. Java™ RMI is a distributed object system that allows a client machine to reference an object running on a server machine and invoke methods on an object stored on the server machine as if the object was ~~were~~ a local object running on the client machine. A description of Java™ RMI can be found in "Java Enterprise In A Nutshell," (1999), by David Flanagan, Jim Farley, William Crawford & Kris Magnusson, which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety. A description of Jini™ can be found in "Professional Jini," (2000) by Sing Li and at ~~http://www.sun.com/jinni~~ <http://www.sun.com/jinni>, which are herein incorporated by reference in their entireties.